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Observer status for the Asian Development Bank in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the Asian Development Bank in the General Assembly" was included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly at the request of China.

2. At its 19th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 3rd, 10th and 11th meetings, on 27 September and 4 and 7 October 2002. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.6/57/SR.3, 10 and 11).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 1 May 2002 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/57/141).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/57/L.6

5. At the 10th meeting, on 4 October, the representative of China, on behalf of Australia, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea and Viet Nam, subsequently joined by Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, Thailand and the United States of America, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the Asian Development Bank in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/57/L.6).

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6. At its 11th meeting, on 7 October, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/57/L.6 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the Asian Development Bank in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian Development Bank,

1. *Decides* to invite the Asian Development Bank to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution.